

The City of Coral Gables

Planning Department

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November 24, 2009

Mr. Ray Eubanks, Plans Processing Administrator
Florida Department of Community Affairs
Division of Community Planning
Bureau of Local Planning
2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

RE: FINAL Approved City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan (CP) Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Based Amendments, Annual Update of the Capital Improvements Element, 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, and Future Land Use Map and Amendments

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

The City of Coral Gables is pleased to provide to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Final Review for Issuance of Notice of Intent, the approved City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan EAR Based Amendments and supplemental documents. Enclosed please find one (1) hard copy and two (2) electronic copies of the following:

1. City of Coral Gables Responses to all DCA Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC). Refer to the blue shaded text boxes for the City responses to each ORC.
2. Ordinance approving the Annual Update of the Capital Improvements Element.
3. Ordinance approving the Ten Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.
4. Ordinance approving the Comprehensive Plan EAR Based Amendments. This includes all changes as outlined in Item 1 above. Refer to the white binder included with this transmittal. All CP EAR Based text amendments are noted in underline/strikeout format, and the DCA ORC amendments are specifically highlighted as shaded text within the first column of the document. The second column is the clean and FINAL version.
5. Ordinance approving the CP Map (Future Land Use Map) and Amendments.
6. Planning Department Staff report.
7. Summary of all public comments received.
8. Legal advertising notices of all public hearings.
9. Summary of De Minimis Development Tracking (2009) as required by State Statutes to be included with the annual update of the Capital Improvements Element.

The timeline of approvals and milestones regarding the entire CP EAR process is as follows:

06.26.2007 City adopted CP EAR.
09.07.2007 EAR found sufficient by the DCA.
06.03.2009 Local Planning Agency recommended approval of CP EAR Based Amendments and mapping.
07.07.2009 City Commission approved CP EAR Based Amendments and mapping on 1st Reading.
07.10.2009 Transmitted CP EAR Based Amendments and mapping to DCA for review.
09.11.2009 Received DCA's ORC report.
11.04.2009 FINAL Local Planning Agency approval of CP EAR Based Amendments and mapping.
11.17.2009 FINAL City Commission approval of the CP EAR Based Amendments and mapping.


The City of Coral Gables is not located in an area of critical state concern: Orange, Lake or Seminole County, or; the Wekiva River Protection Area. The EAR-Based Amendments are not one of the exemptions to the twice per calendar year limitation on the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments, and are not proposed to be adopted under a joint planning agreement pursuant to Section 163.3171, F.S.

The City of Coral Gables requests that the Notice of Intent be published in the Miami Daily Business Review. Please contact Octelma Ferbeyre (Vice President/Legal Notices) at miamilegals@incisivemedia.com / 305.347.6614 for information regarding publication.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at eriel@coralgables.com / 305.460.5211 or Ms. Scarlet Tenen, the City's consultant at stenen@corradino.com / 305.594.0735.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Eric Riel, Jr
City of Coral Gables
Planning Director

cc: Recipients listed below will be provided a hard copy of this Transmittal Letter and City Responses to DCA ORC and an electronic copy of all documents referenced in the Transmittal Letter.

Rachel Kalin, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Jim Jackson, AICP, South Florida Water Management District
Jim Quinn, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Susan Harp, Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation
Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District Six
Tracy Suber, Florida Department of Education
Mark Woerner, Miami-Dade County
Scarlet Tenen, The Corradino Group
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